Probing exotic Higgs sectors from the precise measurement of Higgs boson couplings

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We study coupling constants of the standard model like Higgs boson with the gauge bosons hZZ and hWW and fermions $hf\bar{f}$ in the general Higgs sector which contains higher isospin representations with arbitrary hypercharge. In Higgs sectors with exotic Higgs representations, the hZZ and hWW coupling constants can be larger than those in the standard model. We calculate deviations in the Higgs boson couplings from standard model values in the model with a real or complex triplet field, the Georgi-Machacek model and the model with a septet scalar field. We also study deviations in the event rates of $h \to ZZ^*$, $h \to WW^*$, $h \to \gamma\gamma$, $h \to b\bar{b}$ and $h \to \tau\tau$ channels.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A new boson with a mass of about 126 GeV has been discovered at the LHC [1, 2]. The particle is likely to be the Higgs boson. However, this does not necessarily mean that the Higgs sector in the standard model (SM) is correct, because the scalar boson with the similar property to the SM Higgs boson can be predicted in Higgs sectors extended from the SM one. On the other hand, new physics models beyond the SM have often been considered by introducing extended Higgs sectors to explain new phenomena such as the neutrino oscillation [3–8], the existence of dark matter [9] and the baryon asymmetry of the Universe [10], all of which cannot be explained in the SM. Therefore, determining the Higgs sector is paramountly important to know what kind of the new physics exists at the TeV scale.

The electroweak rho parameter is important to determine the structure of the Higgs sector. The experimental value of the rho parameter is close to unity [11], which suggests that there is a global SU(2) symmetry, so-called the custodial symmetry, in the Higgs sector. The rho parameter strongly depends on the property of the Higgs sector; i.e., the number of Higgs multiplets and

their hypercharges. In the Higgs sector composed from only SU(2) doublets and/or singlets, the rho parameter is unity at the tree level because of the custodial symmetry. Thus, these Higgs sectors can be regarded as the natural extension of the SM Higgs sector. On the other hand, the rho parameter deviates from unity at the tree level for the Higgs sector with exotic representation fields such as triplets. In such a model, a vacuum expectation value (VEV) of such an exotic field violates the custodial symmetry, so that the VEV is severely constrained by the rho parameter data. There is another extended Higgs sector in which an alignment of the triplet VEVs makes the rho parameter to be unity at the tree level, named as the Georgi-Machacek (GM) model [12–14]. Furthermore, it is known that the addition of the isospin septet field with the hypercharge $Y = 2^1$ does not change the rho parameter from unity at the tree level. In order to discriminate these exotic Higgs sectors, we need to measure the other observables which are sensitive to the structure of the Higgs sector.

As a striking feature of exotic Higgs sectors, there appears the $H^{\pm}W^{\mp}Z$ vertex at the tree level [15], where H^{\pm} are physical singly-charged Higgs bosons. In the multi-doublet model, this vertex is induced at the one loop level, so that the magnitude of the $H^{\pm}W^{\mp}Z$ vertex tends to be smaller than that in exotic Higgs sectors [16]. Therefore, a precise measurement of the $H^{\pm}W^{\mp}Z$ vertex can be used to discriminate exotic Higgs sectors such as the GM model and the Higgs sector with a septet field. The feasibility of measuring this vertex has been discussed in Ref. [17] at the LEPII, in Ref. [18] at the Tevatron, at the LHC [19] and at the International Linear Collider (ILC) [20].

In this Letter, we discuss the other method to probe or constrain exotic Higgs sectors by focusing on the SM-like Higgs boson couplings with the gauge bosons hVV (V = W and Z). At present, this approach is quite timely, because the Higgs boson like particle has already been found. The Higgs boson couplings will be measured at future colliders such as the LHC and at the ILC as precisely as possible. In particular, the hVV couplings are supposed to be measured with the $\mathcal{O}(1)\%$ accuracy at the ILC with the collision energy to be 1 TeV and the integrated luminosity to be 500 fb⁻¹ [21].

In models with multi-doublet structure, the magnitude of the hVV vertex is smaller than that of the corresponding SM vertices. On the other hand, they can be larger than the SM prediction in exotic Higgs sectors. Thus, measuring the hVV vertex can be the other and more important

¹ Throughout the Letter, we use the notation $Q = T_3 + Y$ with Q and T_3 to be the electromagnetic charge and third component of the isospin, respectively.

tool to constrain exotic Higgs sectors in addition to measuring the rho parameter and $H^{\pm}W^{\mp}Z$ vertex. We also discuss the deviation in the Yukawa coupling $hf\bar{f}$ as well.

We first derive the formula for the hVV vertex in the general Higgs sector. We then discuss the possible deviations in the hVV and $hf\bar{f}$ vertices in several concrete extended Higgs models. We consider the model with a real or complex triplet field, the GM model and the model with a septet field. In addition, we evaluate the deviation in the event rate of the signal for the $h \to WW^*$, $h \to ZZ^*$, $h \to \gamma\gamma$, $h \to \tau\tau$ and $h \to b\bar{b}$ in these models at the LHC.

We will find that the deviation in the hVV coupling can be as large as $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$, $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ and $\mathcal{O}(100\%)$ in the model with a real or complex triplet field, the GM model and the model with a septet field, respectively.

II. THE hVV VERTEX

We consider an extended Higgs sector which contains N Higgs multiplets Φ_i (i = 1, ..., N) with the isospin T_i and the hypercharge Y_i . We assume CP conservation of the Higgs sector. The kinetic term in the general Higgs sector is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{kin} = \sum_{i} c_i |D_i^{\mu} \Phi_i|^2, \tag{1}$$

with $c_i = 1$ (1/2) for a complex (real; i.e., Y = 0) Higgs field. The W and Z boson masses are calculated as

$$m_W^2 = \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_i v_i^2 [T_i(T_i + 1) - Y_i^2], \quad m_Z^2 = \frac{g^2}{\cos^2 \theta_W} \sum_i v_i^2 Y_i^2,$$
 (2)

where $v_i \equiv \sqrt{2c_i} \langle \Phi_i^0 \rangle$ is the VEV of the *i*-th Higgs field. The VEV $v = (\sqrt{2}G_F)^{-1/2} \simeq 246 \text{ GeV}$ can be expressed as

$$v^2 = 2\sum_i C_i' v_i^2$$
, with $C_i' = T_i(T_i + 1) - Y_i^2$. (3)

The electroweak rho parameter can then be calculated at the tree level as [23]

$$\rho_{\text{tree}} = \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = \frac{\sum_i v_i^2 [T_i (T_i + 1) - Y_i^2]}{2 \sum_i v_i^2 Y_i^2}.$$
 (4)

The SM-like Higgs boson h can be defined by

$$\tilde{h}_i = R_{ih}h,\tag{5}$$

where R_{ih} is the element of the orthogonal matrix connecting the weak eigenbasis of CP-even scalar states \tilde{h}_i and the mass eigenbasis. In this notation, $\Phi_{i=h}$ should be the isospin doublet field with Y = 1/2. If there is no mixing among CP-even scalar states, \tilde{h}_h can be regarded as the SM-like Higgs boson h.

The hZZ and hWW couplings are calculated by

$$g_{hVV} = g_{hVV}^{SM} \times \sum_{i} c_{hVV}^{i} = g_{hVV}^{SM} c_{hVV}, \quad \text{with } V = W, Z,$$
 (6)

where $g_{hVV}^{\rm SM}$ is the hVV coupling in the SM, and the factor c_{hVV}^i is expressed by

$$c_{hWW}^{i} = \frac{\sqrt{2}v_{i}[T_{i}(T_{i}+1) - Y_{i}^{2}]R_{ih}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j}v_{j}^{2}[T_{j}(T_{j}+1) - Y_{j}^{2}]}}, \quad c_{hZZ}^{i} = \frac{2Y_{i}^{2}v_{i}R_{ih}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j}Y_{j}^{2}v_{j}^{2}}}.$$
 (7)

In the general Higgs sector, the charged (neutral) Nambu-Goldstone (NG) bosons can be separated from physical charged Higgs bosons (CP-odd Higgs bosons) by using the elements of the orthogonal matrices;

$$w_i^{\pm} = R_{iG^+}G^{\pm}, \quad z_i^0 = R_{iG^0}G^0, \text{ with } \sum_i R_{iG^+}^2 = \sum_i R_{iG^0}^2 = 1,$$
 (8)

where $w_i^{\pm}(z_i)$ is the singly-charged (CP-odd) scalar state in the weak eigenbasis. From the NG theorem, R_{iG^+} and R_{iG^0} satisfy the following relations;

$$\frac{g}{2} \sum_{i} \sqrt{c_i} C_i v_i R_{iG^+} = m_W, \quad \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} \sum_{i} Y_i v_i R_{iG^0} = m_Z, \tag{9}$$

where

$$C_i = \sqrt{T_i(T_i + 1) - Y_i^2 + Y_i}. (10)$$

In the Higgs sector with one pair of a physical singly-charged Higgs boson and a physical CP-odd Higgs boson, the elements given in Eq. (8) are expressed by

$$R_{iG^{+}} = \frac{2v_{i}}{v} \frac{\sqrt{c_{i}}C'_{i}}{C_{i}}, \quad R_{iG^{0}} = \frac{Y_{i}v_{i}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i}Y_{i}^{2}v_{i}^{2}}}.$$
(11)

The Yukawa coupling of h can be simply obtained in the Higgs sector where only one doublet Higgs field couples to the fermions. In this case, the $hf\bar{f}$ coupling g_{hff} is expressed as

$$g_{hff} = g_{hff}^{SM} \times c_{hff}$$
, with $c_{hff} = \frac{v}{v_i} R_{ih}$. (12)

In the model with multi-doublets, a discrete symmetry is necessary to realize such a situation as we discuss in the next section for the two Higgs doublet model (THDM).

Model	$\tan \beta$	$\tan \beta'$	c_{hWW}	c_{hZZ}
$\phi_1 + \phi_2 \text{ (THDM)}$	v_{ϕ_2}/v_{ϕ_1}	v_{ϕ_2}/v_{ϕ_1}	$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$
$\phi + \chi$ (cHTM)	$\sqrt{2}v_{\chi}/v_{\phi}$	$2v_\chi/v_\phi$	$\cos\beta\cos\alpha + \sqrt{2}\sin\beta\sin\alpha$	$\cos \beta' \cos \alpha + 2 \sin \beta' \sin \alpha$
$\phi + \xi$ (rHTM)	$2v_{\xi}/v_{\phi}$	-	$\cos\beta\cos\alpha + 2\sin\beta\sin\alpha$	$\cos \alpha$
$\phi + \chi + \xi$ (GM model)	$2\sqrt{2}v_{\Delta}/v_{\phi}$	$2\sqrt{2}v_{\Delta}/v_{\phi}$	$\cos\beta\cos\alpha + \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}\sin\beta\sin\alpha$	$\cos\beta\cos\alpha + \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}\sin\beta\sin\alpha$
$\phi + \varphi_7$	$4v_{\varphi_7}/v_{\phi}$	$4v_{\varphi_7}/v_{\phi}$	$\cos\beta\cos\alpha + 4\sin\beta\sin\alpha$	$\cos\beta\cos\alpha + 4\sin\beta\sin\alpha$

TABLE I: The deviations in the Higgs boson couplings from the SM values in various extended Higgs sectors. ϕ , χ , ξ and φ_7 are respectively denoted as Higgs fields with (T,Y)=(1/2,1/2), (1,1), (1,0) and (3,2). In the second and third column, v_X is the VEV of the Higgs field X, and v_Δ is defined in Eq. (16). The mixing angle α is defined for each extended Higgs sector in the main text.

III. EXAMPLES

We discuss the Higgs boson couplings in several concrete Higgs sectors. As examples, we consider the THDM, the model with a complex triplet field (cHTM), that with a real triplet field (rHTM), the GM model [12] and the model with a septet Higgs filed. The Higgs fields content in each model is listed in Table I, where ϕ (ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 have the same quantum number as ϕ), χ , ξ and φ_7 are respectively denoted Higgs fields with (T,Y)=(1/2,1/2), (1,1), (1,0) and (3,2). In this table, β (β') is the mixing angle which separates the charged (CP-odd) NG boson from the physical singly-charged (CP-odd) Higgs bosons. The mixing angle among CP-even scalar states are expressed as α , whose definitions are given in the following subsequent paragraphs in each extended Higgs sector.

First, in the THDM, c_{hVV} is calculated as $\sin(\beta - \alpha)$, where $R_{1h} = -\sin \alpha$ and $R_{2h} = \cos \alpha$. Thus, the hVV vertex cannot be larger than that in the SM. The Yukawa couplings of h depends on the variation of the THDMs. When a softly-broken Z_2 symmetry is imposed to the model in order to avoid the tree level flavour changing neutral current, there are four types of the Yukawa couplings depending on the charge assignment of the Z_2 charge [24]. The expression of the Yukawa couplings in each type is given in Ref. [25]. In the following four extended Higgs sectors: the cHTM, the rHTM, the GM model and the model with φ_7 , the deviation in the Yukawa coupling can be expressed by $c_{hff} = \cos \alpha/\cos \beta$.

Second, in both the cHTM and the rHTM, c_{hWW} can be larger than unity as listed in Table I,

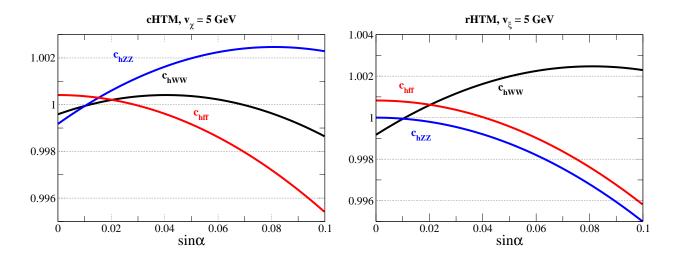


FIG. 1: c_{hWW} , c_{hZZ} and c_{hff} as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the cHTM (left panel) and in the rHTM (right panel) for the case of $v_{\chi} = v_{\xi} = 5$ GeV.

where the mixing angle α is defined by $R_{1h} = \cos \alpha$ and $R_{2h} = \sin \alpha$. Because there is no additional CP-odd scalar state in the rHTM, the mixing angle β' cannot be defined, so that c_{hZZ} is smaller than 1 by non-zero values of the mixing angle α . In the cHTM, c_{hZZ} can also be larger than 1, but the pattern of the deviation is different from c_{hWW} . In both two models, the rho parameter deviates from unity because of the non-zero VEV of the triplet field. The magnitude of the VEV of the complex (real) triplet field v_{χ} (v_{ξ}) is constrained to be less than about 8 GeV in the cHTM (about 6 GeV in the rHTM) from the experimental value of the rho parameter $\rho^{\rm exp} = 1.0008^{+0.0017}_{-0.0007}$ [11].

In Fig. 1, the deviations in the hWW, hZZ and $hf\bar{f}$ couplings are shown as a function of $\sin\alpha$ in the cHTM (left panel) and the rHTM (right panel) for $v_{\chi}=v_{\xi}=5$ GeV. It is seen that there are regions where both c_{hWW} and c_{hZZ} are larger than 1 in the cHTM², while only c_{hWW} can be larger than 1 in the rHTM as mentioned in the above. The maximum allowed values for c_{hWW} and c_{hZZ} in the cHTM can be estimated in the case with $\sin\beta\ll 1$, $\sin\beta'\ll 1$ and $\sin\alpha\ll 1$ by

$$c_{hWW} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha - \sqrt{2}\beta \right)^2 + 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2 \alpha^2),$$
 (13)

$$c_{hZZ} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\alpha - 2\beta' \right)^2 + 1 + \frac{3\beta'^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\beta'^2 \alpha^2). \tag{14}$$

From above the equations, it can be seen that the hWW (hZZ) coupling can be taken to be a maximum value in the case of $\alpha = \sqrt{2}\beta$ ($\alpha = 2\beta'$). When we take $v_{\chi} = 5$ GeV, we obtain $c_{hWW} - 1 \simeq 4.2 \times 10^{-4}$ for $\alpha = \sqrt{2}\beta$ and $c_{hZZ} - 1 \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ for $\alpha = 2\beta'$, which are consistent

² Even when effects of the radiative corrections to the hVV coupling are taken into account, the results of $c_{hVV} > 1$ can be obtained [26].

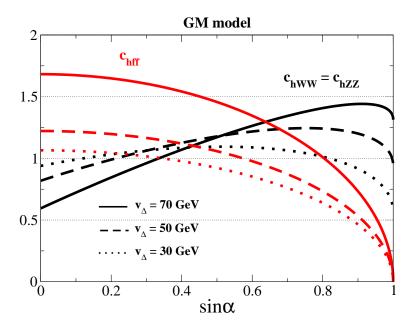


FIG. 2: c_{hWW} , c_{hZZ} and c_{hff} as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the GM model for the cases with $v_{\Delta} = 30$, 50 and 70 GeV.

with the result in Fig. 1.

Third, we discuss the GM model where a complex triplet and a real triplet fields are contained in addition to the doublet field. The doublet Higgs field and the two triplet fields can be respectively represented by the 2×2 and 3×3 matrix forms which are transformed under the global $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetry as

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{0*} & \phi^{+} \\ \phi^{-} & \phi^{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \chi^{0*} & \xi^{+} & \chi^{++} \\ \chi^{-} & \xi^{0} & \chi^{+} \\ \chi^{--} & \xi^{-} & \chi^{0} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{15}$$

When we assume that the two triplet VEVs are aligned by

$$v_{\Delta}^2 \equiv v_{\chi}^2 = v_{\xi}^2,\tag{16}$$

with $v_{\chi} = \langle \chi^0 \rangle$ and $v_{\xi} = \langle \xi^0 \rangle$, the $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetry reduces to the custodial $SU(2)_V$ symmetry. Therefore, the rho parameter is predicted to be unity at the tree level, whose value does not depend on the magnitude of v_{Δ} as long as we assume the alignment for the triplet VEVs. We then can take v_{Δ} to be of order 10 GeV³. The expressions for c_{hVV} are listed in Table I, and we can see that both c_{hWW} and c_{hZZ} are the same in this model.

³ The triplet VEV v_{Δ} is constrained from the $Zb\bar{b}$ data. The upper bound for v_{Δ} is about 70 GeV with 95% C.L. when the three-plet Higgs boson mass is taken to be 100 GeV [22].

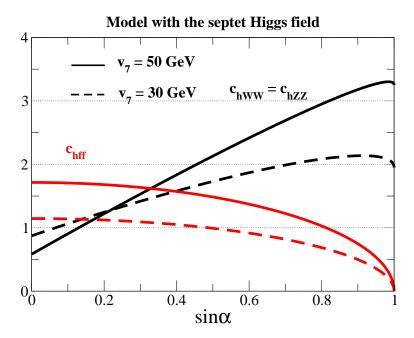


FIG. 3: c_{hWW} , c_{hZZ} and c_{hff} as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the model with the septet Higgs field φ_7 for the cases with $v_7 = 30$ and 50 GeV.

In the GM model, there are three CP-even scalar states, so that there are three mixing angles which diagonalize the mass matrix for the CP-even scalar states in general. However, when the Higgs potential is constructed under the custodial $SU(2)_V$ symmetric way, the mass matrix for the CP-even states can be diagonalized by the single mixing angle α as

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_{\phi} \\ h_{\xi} \\ h_{\chi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H_{1} \\ H_{5} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{17}$$

where H_5 (H_1) is the neutral component of the $SU(2)_V$ five-plet (singlet) Higgs boson, and $h_{\phi} = \sqrt{2}\text{Re}(\phi^0)$, $h_{\xi} = \xi^0$ and $h_{\chi} = \sqrt{2}\text{Re}(\chi^0)$.

In Fig. 2, the deviations in the hWW, hZZ and $hf\bar{f}$ couplings are shown as a function of $\sin\alpha$ in the GM model for the cases with $v_{\Delta}=30$, 50 and 70 GeV. The deviations in hWW and hZZ couplings are the same. The maximum values for c_{hWW} (= c_{hZZ}) are about 1.1, 1.3 and 1.4 for the cases of $v_{\Delta}=30$, 50 and 70 GeV, respectively. When c_{hWW} and c_{hZZ} are getting the maximum values, c_{hff} is smaller than 1.

Finally, we discuss the model with the septet Higgs field φ_7 with Y=2. In the GM model, we need the alignment for the VEVs of the two triplet fields in order to keep $\rho_{\text{tree}}=1$. However, it can be directly confirmed that the VEV of φ_7 does not change $\rho_{\text{tree}}=1$ from Eq. (4), so that it is

not constrained from the rho parameter data without assuming any tuning. We note that there is an absolute constraint for the VEV of the septet field expressed by $v_7 \lesssim 60$ GeV, because of the relation $v_{\phi}^2 + 16v_7^2 = v^2 \simeq (246 \text{ GeV})^2$. The expressions for c_{hVV} are listed in Table I. Similar to the GM model, both c_{hWW} and h_{hZZ} are the same with each other. Detailed calculations of the Higgs potential in this model are given in Appendix A.

In Fig. 3, we show c_{hVV} and c_{hff} in the model with φ_7 for the cases of $v_7 = 30$ and 50 GeV. When the Yukawa coupling is the same as the SM value; i.e., $c_{hff} = 1$, the magnitude of c_{hVV} is about 1.7 (3.0) in the case with $v_7 = 30$ GeV (50 GeV).

IV. THE EVENT RATES

The production cross section and decay branching fraction of the SM-like Higgs boson h can be modified by the deviation in c_{hWW} , c_{hZZ} and c_{hff} from unity. In order to clarify the deviations in the event rates of various modes for h from the SM prediction, we define the ratio of the event rate:

$$R_X = \frac{\sigma_h \times BR(h \to X)}{\sigma_h^{SM} \times BR(h \to X)^{SM}},$$
(18)

where $\sigma_h^{\rm SM}$ and BR $(h \to X)^{\rm SM}$ [σ_h and BR $(h \to X)$] are the production cross section of h and the branching fraction of the $h \to X$ decay mode in the SM [in extended Higgs sectors]. So far, the Higgs boson search has been done in the following five channels at the LHC [1, 2]; $pp \to h \to \gamma\gamma$, $pp \to h \to ZZ^*$, $pp \to h \to WW^*$, $pp \to h \to \tau\tau$ and $q\bar{q}' \to Vh \to Vb\bar{b}$, where $pp \to h$ is the inclusive Higgs boson production and $q\bar{q}' \to Vh$ is the weak vector boson associated production. The inclusive production cross section is almost determined by the gluon fusion production process: $gg \to h$, so that the modified one can be approximately expressed by $\sigma_h^{\rm SM}(gg \to h) \times c_{hff}^2$. The cross section for the gauge boson associate production process can be changed by $\sigma_h^{\rm SM}(q\bar{q}' \to Vh) \times c_{hVV}^2$.

In general, there are charged Higgs bosons in extended Higgs sectors, and they can contribute to the $h\to\gamma\gamma$ mode in addition to the W boson and top quark loop contributions. In the following analysis, we ignore these contributions in order to focus on the effects of the modified hWW and $hf\bar{f}$ couplings to the $h\to\gamma\gamma$ mode.

In Fig. 4, the R_X values are plotted as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the cHTM (left panel) and in the rHTM (right panel) for the case of $v_{\chi} = v_{\xi} = 5$ GeV. In both the cHTM and the rHTM, $R_{\tau\tau}$ is larger than 1 in the region of $0 \le \sin \alpha \le 0.1$, because both the production cross section and the decay rate of $h \to \tau\tau$ are enhanced by the factor $c_{cff}^2 \simeq 1/\cos^2 \beta$ for the case of $\sin \alpha \sim 0$. When

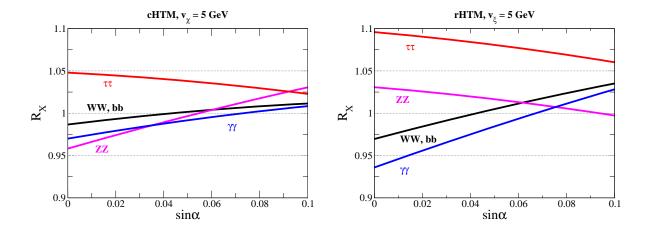


FIG. 4: R_X for the various modes as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the cHTM (left panel) and in the rHTM (right panel) for the case of $v_{\chi} = v_{\xi} = 5$ GeV.

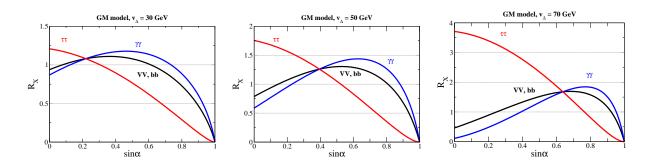


FIG. 5: R_X for the various modes as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the GM model. The left, center and right panels show the case of $v_{\Delta}=30$ GeV, 50 GeV and 70 GeV, respectively.

 $\sin \alpha$ is taken to be larger values, $R_{\tau\tau}$ is getting smaller due to the suppression of $\cos^4 \alpha$, while the other R_X values monotonically increase in the cHTM. In the rHTM, R_{ZZ} shows a similar behavior to that of $R_{\tau\tau}$.

In Fig. 5, the R_X values are shown as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the GM model for the cases of $v_{\Delta}=30$, 50 and 70 GeV. Similar to the cases in the cHTM and rHTM, $R_{\tau\tau}$ is larger than 1 in the regions of small $\sin \alpha$. The R_{VV} and $R_{b\bar{b}}$ values are larger than 1 when $\sin \alpha \gtrsim 0.07$, 0.15 and 0.24 in the cases of $v_{\Delta}=30$, 50 and 70 GeV, respectively. The $\sin \alpha$ dependence of $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ is similar to that for R_{VV} and $R_{b\bar{b}}$, but the maximum allowed values of $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ are slightly larger than those of R_{VV} and $R_{b\bar{b}}$. The allowed maximum values for R_{VV} and $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ are about 1.1 (1.2) for $v_{\Delta}=30$ GeV, 1.3 (1.4) for $v_{\Delta}=50$ GeV and 1.7 (1.8) for $v_{\Delta}=70$ GeV.

Finally, we show the $\sin \alpha$ dependence for R_X values in the model with φ_7 in Fig. 6. We take the septet VEV v_7 to be 30 and 50 GeV. The behavior of R_{VV} , R_{bb} and $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ are similar to

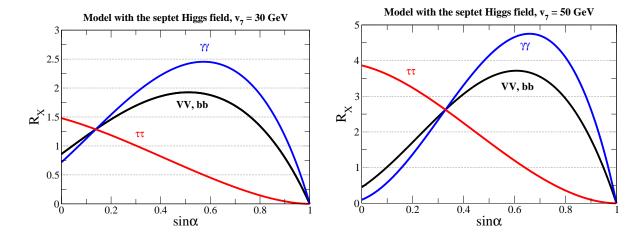


FIG. 6: R_X for the various modes as a function of $\sin \alpha$ in the model with the septet Higgs field φ_7 . The left and right panels show the cases of $v_{\Delta} = 30$ GeV and 50 GeV, respectively.

those corresponding values in the GM model. When $\sin \alpha$ is larger than about 0.04 and 0.1, the magnitude of R_{VV} is larger than 1 in the cases of $v_7 = 30$ GeV and 50 GeV, respectively. The maximum allowed values of R_{VV} ($R_{\gamma\gamma}$) are about 1.9 (2.5) for $v_7 = 30$ GeV and about 3.7 (4.1) for $v_7 = 50$ GeV.

V. CONCLUSIONS

We have calculated the Higgs boson couplings with the gauge bosons hZZ and hWW as well as the fermions $hf\bar{f}$ in the general Higgs sector at the tree level. We have found that the hZZ and hWW couplings in Higgs sectors with exotic representation fields can be larger than those in the SM. We also have studied the ratio of the event rates R_X for $X = WW^*$, ZZ^* , $\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}$ and $\tau\tau$ in various Higgs sectors. We have numerically evaluated the deviations in the Higgs boson couplings c_{hVV} and c_{hff} and the values for R_X in the cHTM, the rHTM, the GM model and the model with the septet scalar field. We have found that the possible allowed magnitude of the deviation in the hVV coupling can be as large as $\mathcal{O}(0.1)\%$ in the cHTM and rHTM, $\mathcal{O}(10)\%$ in the GM model and $\mathcal{O}(100)\%$ in the model with the septet field. By measuring the Higgs boson couplings precisely, we can get useful information to determine the structure of the Higgs sector.

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Appendix A: Model with a septet Higgs field

We discuss the Higgs sector with the doublet field ϕ and the septet field φ_7 with Y=2. These two Higgs fields can be expressed in the tensor form as ϕ_a and $(\varphi_7)_{ijklmn}$ where interchanges among the subscripts (i, j, k, l, m, n) are symmetric. Component scalar fields can be specified as

$$\phi_1 = \phi^+, \ \phi_2 = \phi^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (h_\phi + v_\phi + iz_\phi),$$
 (A1)

and

$$(\varphi_7)_{111111} = \varphi_7^{5+}, \ (\varphi_7)_{211111} = \frac{\varphi_7^{4+}}{\sqrt{6}}, \ (\varphi_7)_{221111} = \frac{\varphi_7^{3+}}{\sqrt{15}}, \ (\varphi_7)_{222111} = \frac{\varphi_7^{++}}{\sqrt{20}},$$

$$(\varphi_7)_{222211} = \frac{\varphi_7^+}{\sqrt{15}}, \ (\varphi_7)_{222221} = \frac{\varphi_7^0}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}(h_7 + v_7 + iz_7), \ (\varphi_7)_{222222} = \bar{\varphi}_7^-. \tag{A2}$$

The most general Higgs potential is given by

$$V(\phi, \varphi_7) = m^2 |\phi|^2 + m_7^2 |\varphi_7|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4 + \lambda_1 (|\varphi_7|^4)_1 + \lambda_2 (|\varphi_7|^4)_2 + \lambda_3 (|\varphi_7|^4)_3 + \lambda_4 (|\varphi_7|^4)_4$$

$$+ \kappa_1 (|\phi|^2 |\varphi_7|^2)_1 + \kappa_2 (|\phi|^2 |\varphi_7|^2)_2,$$
(A3)

where $|\varphi_7|^2$ term can be expanded by

$$|\varphi_{7}|^{2} = (\varphi_{7}^{*})_{ijklmn}(\varphi_{7})_{ijklmn}$$

$$= \varphi_{7}^{5+} \varphi_{7}^{5-} + \varphi_{7}^{4+} \varphi_{7}^{4-} + \varphi_{7}^{3+} \varphi_{7}^{3-} + \varphi_{7}^{++} \varphi_{7}^{--} + \varphi_{7}^{+} \varphi_{7}^{-} + \varphi_{7}^{0*} \varphi_{7}^{0} + \bar{\varphi}_{7}^{+} \bar{\varphi}_{7}^{-}. \tag{A4}$$

There are four independent $(|\varphi_7|^4)_{\alpha}$ $(\alpha=1,\ldots,4)$ terms, they can be explicitly written by

$$(|\varphi_7|^4)_1 = (\varphi_7^*)_{ijklmn}(\varphi_7^*)_{abcdef}(\varphi_7)_{ijklmn}(\varphi_7)_{abcdef}, \tag{A5}$$

$$(|\varphi_7|^4)_2 = (\varphi_7^*)_{ijklmn}(\varphi_7^*)_{abcdef}(\varphi_7)_{ijklmf}(\varphi_7)_{abcden}, \tag{A6}$$

$$(|\varphi_7|^4)_3 = (\varphi_7^*)_{ijklmn}(\varphi_7^*)_{abcdef}(\varphi_7)_{ijklef}(\varphi_7)_{abcdmn}, \tag{A7}$$

$$(|\varphi_7|^4)_4 = (\varphi_7^*)_{ijklmn}(\varphi_7^*)_{abcdef}(\varphi_7)_{ijkdef}(\varphi_7)_{abclmn}. \tag{A8}$$

In addition to the $(|\varphi_7|^4)_{\alpha}$ terms, there are two independent $(|\phi|^2|\varphi|^2)_{\beta}$ $(\beta = 1, 2)$ terms, they can be explicitly written by

$$(|\phi^2||\varphi_7|^2)_1 = (\phi^*)_a(\phi)_a(\varphi_7^*)_{ijklmn}(\varphi_7)_{ijklmn}, \tag{A9}$$

$$(|\phi^2||\varphi_7|^2)_2 = (\phi^*)_a(\phi)_b(\varphi_7^*)_{ijklmb}(\varphi_7)_{ijklma}.$$
(A10)

The other combination $(\phi^*)_a(\epsilon)_{ab}(\varphi_7^*)_{ijklmb}(\phi)_c(\epsilon)_{cd}(\varphi_7)_{ijklmd}$ is the same as $(|\phi^2||\varphi_7|^2)_1 - (|\phi^2||\varphi_7|^2)_2$.

There is an accidental global U(1) symmetry in the Higgs potential; i.e., the potential is invariant under the phase transformation of φ_7 [27]. This U(1) symmetry is spontaneously broken down due to the non-zero value of the VEV of φ_7 . Thus, there appears a massless NG boson in addition to the usual NG bosons absorbed by the longitudinal components of W and Z bosons. There are several ways to avoid the appearance of the additional NG boson. For example, this NG boson can be absorbed by the additional neutral gauge boson by extending this global symmetry to the gauge symmetry via the Higgs mechanism. By introducing terms which break the U(1) symmetry explicitly, we can also avoid such a massless scalar boson⁴.

From the tadpole condition, we obtain

$$m^{2} = -v_{\varphi}^{2}\lambda - \frac{v_{7}^{2}}{12}(6\kappa_{1} + 5\kappa_{2}), \tag{A11}$$

$$m_7^2 = -\frac{v_\varphi^2}{12}(6\kappa_1 + 5\kappa_2) - \frac{v_7^2}{18}(18\lambda_1 + 13\lambda_2 + 10\lambda_3 + 9\lambda_4). \tag{A12}$$

The mass matrix for the CP-even Higgs states in the basis of (h_{ϕ}, h_7) is given by

$$M_{\text{CP-even}}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 2v_{\varphi}^{2}\lambda & v_{\varphi}v_{7}\left(\kappa_{1} + \frac{5}{6}\kappa_{2}\right) \\ v_{\varphi}v_{7}\left(\kappa_{1} + \frac{5}{6}\kappa_{2}\right) & \frac{v_{7}^{2}}{9}(18\lambda_{1} + 13\lambda_{2} + 10\lambda_{3} + 9\lambda_{4}) \end{pmatrix}.$$
(A13)

That for the singly-charged Higgs states in the basis of $(\phi^{\pm}, \varphi_7^{\pm}, \bar{\varphi}_7^{\pm})$ is calculated by

$$M_{+}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{v_{7}^{2}}{3}\kappa_{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{6\sqrt{2}}v_{\varphi}v_{7}\kappa_{2} & \frac{v_{\varphi}v_{7}}{2\sqrt{6}}\kappa_{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{6\sqrt{2}}v_{\varphi}v_{7}\kappa_{2} & -\frac{v_{\varphi}^{2}}{12}\kappa_{2} + \frac{v_{7}^{2}}{30}\bar{\lambda} & \frac{v_{7}^{2}}{6\sqrt{15}}\bar{\lambda} \\ \frac{v_{\varphi}v_{7}}{2\sqrt{6}}\kappa_{2} & \frac{v_{7}^{2}}{6\sqrt{15}}\bar{\lambda} & \frac{v_{\varphi}^{2}}{12}\kappa_{2} + \frac{v_{7}^{2}}{18}\bar{\lambda} \end{pmatrix},$$
(A14)

where

$$\bar{\lambda} = 5\lambda_2 + 8\lambda_3 + 9\lambda_4. \tag{A15}$$

The mass eigenstates of the CP-even Higgs bosons as well as the singly-charged Higgs bosons can be defined by introducing the following orthogonal matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_{\phi} \\ h_{7} \end{pmatrix} = O_{\text{CP-even}} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{\pm} \\ \varphi_{7}^{\pm} \\ \bar{\varphi}_{7}^{\pm} \end{pmatrix} = O_{+} \begin{pmatrix} G^{\pm} \\ H^{\pm} \\ \bar{H}^{\pm} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (A16)$$

⁴ Quite recently, it has been considered to introduce higher dimensional operators to break the U(1) symmetry explicitly[28] in the Higgs sector with the septet.

where

$$O_{\text{CP-even}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix},\tag{A17}$$

$$O_{+} = R_{\theta} R_{G^{+}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{v_{\phi}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}} & \frac{\sqrt{10}v_{7}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 10v_{7}^{2}}} & \frac{v_{\phi}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}} \frac{\sqrt{6}v_{7}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 10v_{7}^{2}}} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{10}v_{7}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}} & -\frac{v_{\phi}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 10v_{7}^{2}}} & \frac{\sqrt{6}v_{7}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}} \frac{\sqrt{10}v_{7}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{6}v_{7}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{10}v_{7}}{\sqrt{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (A18)$$

The mass matrix is then transformed as

$$O_{+}^{T}M_{+}^{2}O_{+} = R_{\theta}^{T} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (M_{+}^{2})_{11} & (M_{+}^{2})_{12} \\ 0 & (M_{+}^{2})_{12} & (M_{+}^{2})_{22} \end{pmatrix} R_{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{H^{+}}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{\bar{H}^{+}}^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A19}$$

with

$$(M_{+}^{2})_{11} = \frac{1}{v_{\phi}^{2} + 10v_{7}^{2}} \left[-\frac{1}{12} \left(v_{\phi}^{4} + 20v_{\phi}^{2}v_{7}^{2} + 40v_{7}^{4} \right) \kappa_{2} + \frac{v_{7}^{2}v_{\phi}^{2}}{30} \bar{\lambda} \right], \tag{A20}$$

$$(M_{+}^{2})_{22} = \frac{v_{\phi}^{2} + 16v_{7}^{2}}{36(v_{\phi}^{2} + 10v_{7}^{2})} \left[3v_{\phi}^{2} \kappa_{2} + 2v_{7}^{2} \bar{\lambda} \right], \tag{A21}$$

$$(M_+^2)_{12} = \frac{v_7^2 v_\phi \sqrt{v_\phi^2 + 16v_7^2}}{6\sqrt{15}(v_\phi^2 + 10v_7^2)} \left(15\kappa_2 - \bar{\lambda}\right). \tag{A22}$$

The other multi-charged Higgs boson masses are calculated as

$$m_{\varphi_7^{++}}^2 = -\frac{1}{6} \left(\kappa_2 v_\phi^2 + \frac{4}{3} v_7^2 \lambda_2 \right) - \frac{4}{45} v_7^2 \lambda_3, \tag{A23}$$

$$m_{\varphi_7^{3+}}^2 = -\frac{1}{4} \left(\kappa_2 v_\phi^2 + \frac{4}{3} v_7^2 \lambda_2 \right) - \frac{3v_7^2}{9} \lambda_3 - \frac{3v_7^2}{10} \lambda_4, \tag{A24}$$

$$m_{\varphi_7^{4+}}^2 = -\frac{1}{3} \left(\kappa_2 v_\phi^2 + \frac{4}{3} v_7^2 \lambda_2 \right) - \frac{4v_7^2}{9} \lambda_3 - \frac{v_7^2}{2} \lambda_4, \tag{A25}$$

$$m_{\varphi_7^{5+}}^2 = -\frac{5}{12} \left(\kappa_2 v_\phi^2 + \frac{4}{3} v_7^2 \lambda_2 \right) - \frac{5v_7^2}{9} \lambda_3 - \frac{v_7^2}{2} \lambda_4. \tag{A26}$$

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